

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL WORKSHOP OF THE UPLAND CITY COUNCIL

**February 27, 2023
Council Chamber - Special Workshop
City Hall, 460 N Euclid Avenue**

Members Present: Mayor Bill Velto, Councilmember James Breitling, Councilmember Carlos A. Garcia, Councilmember Shannan Maust, Councilmember Rudy Zuniga

Staff Present: City Manager Michael Blay, City Attorney Stephen P. Deitsch, City Clerk Keri Johnson

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Special Workshop of the Upland City Council was called to order by Mayor Bill Velto at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Upland City Hall.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Tammy Rapp, stated that Historic Downtown Upland (HDU) Board Members were present and available to offer information or answer questions of the Council.

Melissa DuBeck, Paulie's Pizza Pub, stated that the current leadership of HDU was not suitable, and the downtown has lost events. She further stated she would like the downtown to grow again.

Linda Trawnik, former HDU Board Member stated being a board member is a difficult position and full time job, if done well. She further stated that the money should be spent in a manner that is fair to everyone in the downtown.

Terri Galdo, Upland Chamber, stated she would like to see a committee formed to discuss the options for PBIA funding use and hold a workshop to discuss the options.

Mark Davidson, stated that the problems in the downtown are due to disagreements among businesses and that everyone should have the same agenda and do what is best for all of the businesses.

Amy Plunket, HDU Board Member, stated that the position is volunteer based and felt that some public comments did not reflect the actions of board.

Giuseppe Mancuso, new business owner in downtown, stated that everyone has the same goal, to make the downtown somewhere that everyone wants to come dine and shop.

3. AGENDA ITEMS

a. REPORT ON DOWNTOWN PARKING AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA (PBIA) FUNDS

Development Services Director Dalquest presented the staff report, along with a PowerPoint Presentation, which is on file in the City Clerk's office.

There was discussion regarding division among businesses, city responsibilities for maintenance of the downtown, funding for parking, events in the downtown, and the expenditure of PBIA funds.

HDU Board Member Tammy Rapp provided clarification regarding the activities of the Board, history of the PBIA funding, and commented on the lack of foot traffic in the downtown.

Development Services Director Dalquest answered questions regarding PBIA expenditures and provided information on future plans for the downtown.

Moved by: Councilmember Maust
Seconded by: Councilmember Zuniga

Direct staff to move forward with option three in the staff report which would terminate the Policy and Plan and designate staff to spend the PBIA funds.

Motion: Carried Unanimously

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Velto adjourned the Special Workshop at 6:57 p.m. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Monday, February 27, 2023 at 7 p.m.



Keri Johnson, City Clerk